

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 11, 2006**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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| Mayor William J. Schmitt | present |
| Board member Victor J. Knies | present |
| Board member Thomas R. Schmidt | present |

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2006. A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Comment. Mayor Schmitt commented that when bids for a 2006 Model Tandem Axle Chassis were opened on March 28, 2006, it was stated that Ruxer Ford supplied a bid bond when in fact it was a cashier's check.

SUMMER RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES

Nancy Eckerle, Jasper Chamber of Commerce Director, sought permission to use the Dave Buehler Riverwalk Plaza for the 2006 Summer Riverwalk Concert Series. The dates and the performers were as follows:

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| Sunday, June 4, 2006 | "Dubois County Community Band" – 6-7 p.m. |
| Saturday, July 22, 2006 | "Free Style" – 7-9 p.m. |
| Saturday, September 2, 2006 | "Mountain Harmony Blue Grass Band" – 7-9 p.m. |

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the use of the Dave Buehler Plaza for the 2006 Summer Riverwalk Concert Series on the dates listed above. Motion passed 3-0.

RELAY FOR LIFE – HOME DEPOT

Pat O’Keefe, representing Home Depot, 4250 N. Newton Street, requested permission to land a National Guard helicopter on the end of Common Drive on Saturday, May 13, 2006 for a “Relay for Life” event. Mr. O’Keefe stated that the event would be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. He also stated that the area would be secured for safety and that the fire department would have equipment on hand. During discussion, Street Commissioner Eckerle advised Mr. O’Keefe to barricade the area. Police Chief Gunselman stated that there were no problems last year.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to Home Depot to land and display the Blackhawk helicopter on the end of Common Drive on Saturday, May 13, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a “Relay for Life” event. Motion passed 3-0.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE – 36TH STREET

Dennis “Bucket” Mehringer, Mehringer’s Plumbing and Heating, requested closing 36th Street just east of Newton Street for installation of a water tap for the future Walgreen’s store. He said the job would take about two days, and that the street cut would be plated at night. He stated that he was not sure of the date, but it would occur in about three to four weeks. He also stated that he would like to close both lanes of the street, but could work on half the street at a time and use traffic flaggers.

During discussion, Mayor Schmitt stated he was concerned about access to the Taco Bell restaurant. Schmitt also said he thought it would be better to close both traffic lanes and get the job done verses closing one lane at a time and working around the traffic. Mr. Mehringer responded that Taco Bell could still be accessed from its Newton Street and from 36th Street entrances. He also said vehicles using 36th Street to and from Newton Street, could use 35th and 37th Streets. Police Chief Gunselman suggested Mehringer place road closed signs listing the dates of the closure a week before the closing. Gunselman said prior warning may divert some traffic to the 30th and Newton Street stoplight rather than using 37th Street which is in a residential area.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, permission was given to Mehringer’s Plumbing and Heating to close 36th Street for utility service installation to the future Walgreen’s store on condition prior notice of the dates of the street closing is given to the public, that notification is given to the police and fire departments and the news media, that the street is plated over night, that the street not be closed until the school buses go through, and coordinate with the street department to keep Taco Bell restaurant in operation. Motion passed 3-0.

BRENTWOOD II SUBDIVISION

Ken Brosmer, Brosmer Land Surveying and representing Charles Knust, requested approval of the plat for the Brentwood II Subdivision. Mr. Brosmer presented a map of the subdivision, which is located off Meridian Road. He stated that the Planning Commission had given final approval to the plat.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, acceptance and approval was given to the Brentwood II Subdivision plat. Motion passed 3-0.

TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE – WEST 9TH STREET

Chris Book, representing Messmer Mechanical, requested closing W. 9th Street between Main Street and Newton Street on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Mr. Book explained that the closure was needed for a crane to be placed on the street while his company installed duct work on the new German American Bank (former Knights of Columbus) building.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to Messmer Mechanical to close W. 9th Street between Main Street and Newton Street on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on condition Messmer Mechanical notifies the police department, fire department and the news media and coordinates with the street department for barricades. Motion passed 3-0.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported for publication the names of property owners that had been cited under section 5.12.040, weed removal/ notice. The name and property location was as follows:

| <u>Owner</u> | <u>Location of Lot</u> |
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| Harold & Dorothy Jean Moody | 117 Oakmount Ct. |

DUMPSTER – 715 MacARTHUR STREET

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented a letter from Dr. Gregory Berger, 715 MacArthur Street, in which Dr. Berger requested permission to place a dumpster on West 8th Street, on the north side of his building just west of MacArthur Street on Thursday, April 13th or Friday, April 14th, 2006. Street Commissioner Eckerle stated that Dr. Berger planned to remove the dumpster on Monday, April 17, 2006. There followed some discussion about how to mark the dumpster for traffic safety.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to Dr. Gregory Berger to set a dumpster on West 8th Street, north of his office building at 715 MacArthur Street from Thursday, April 13 to Monday, April 17, 2006. Motion passed 3-0.

INDOT HIGHWAY 56 AND 231 PROJECTS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has started preliminary work on the Lechner Lane/Hwy 56 project and that actual construction would start on May 31, 2006. He said the project would necessitate lane restrictions on Highway 56 and that the entrances to Rolling Ridge Road and Lechner Lane from Highway 56 would be closed. He predicted the traffic changes would have an impact on city streets and roads. He said the project should be completed sometime in August.

Eckerle also reported that INDOT plans to do repair work on Highway 231 through Jasper. He said construction on this project would start in June, further impacting traffic flow.

STREET CLOSURES FOR STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented a list of street closings for storm sewer replacements. The list was as follows:

E. 17th Street – just west of Jackson Street to Main Street
Jackson Street – closed from E. 16th Street to E. 17th Street
E. 17th Street – between Reservoir Avenue and Main Street
Possibly Mill Street between 23rd and 17th Streets
Woodlawn Lane – between Executive Blvd. and Gun Club Road
Executive Blvd., - between Woodlawn Lane and Gun Club Road

Eckerle stated that he was not sure of the dates for closure, but only one street would be closed at a time and that the procedure would take about a day for each storm sewer replacement.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to the street department to close the above-named streets while installing storm sewer replacements on condition the street department notify the police and fire department and the news media regarding the closures. Motion passed 3-0.

REAR LOADING TRASH COLLECTION BODY AND TRASH TRUCK CHASSIS

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle presented written comparison reports on the bids for a rear loading trash collection body and trash truck chassis, which were opened at the March 28, 2006 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. The street commissioner pointed out that although Best Equipment Company's bid was \$12,350.00 lower than the bid from Deed's Equipment, the Best Equipment bid had over 15 exceptions to the specifications. The exceptions were as follows:

Best Equipment

- 1.6 The vertical side channels on the body have a smooth body instead of external body ribbing
- 1.8 The body has a flat floor instead of having a floor trough
- 1.9 The floor sheets have 50,000 PSI yield strength instead of 80,000 PSI yield strength.
- 1.10 The roof channels are #8 gauge thick instead of #11 gauge.
- 1.12 Door is 34" x 28" instead of 30"x 30" and has adjacent latch instead of safety pin locking mechanisms.
- 2.1 The hopper opening is 75" x 62" instead of 80" x 56"
- 3.3 The packer plate cylinders are 5" instead of 6".
- 3.5 The carrier plate cylinders are 5" instead of 6"
- 3.6 The packer and carrier plate cylinders are not interchangeable
- 3.9 The upper carrier plate has Poly wear shoes instead of rollers
- 4.8 The tailgate top sheets are not two piece poly-ethylene
- 5.3 The telescopic ejection system has horizontal cylinder mount
Instead of angling upward from its front mounting location.
- 6.2 The pump capacity is 40 gallons per minute instead of 42 g.p.m.
- 6.3 The factory sealed relief valve is set at 2850 PSI instead of 1950 PSI
- 6.8 The hydraulic oil reservoir has a capacity of 42 gallons instead of 45.
- 6.12 The hydraulic system cylinders are 5" instead of 6".
- 6.13 The manually operated control valve is set at 2850 PSI instead of 1950 PSI
- 10.5 The top finish coat is not baked as specified.

Street Commissioner Eckerle recommended the most responsive bid from Deed's Equipment Company for a Leach 2R11 25 C.Y. Rear Loading Collection Body in the amount of \$57,426.00. He also said that Leach was going to discontinue this truck except some customers wanted it, so there would not be any reduction in price.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, based on the explanation given by the Street Commissioner that the lowest bid from Best Equipment Company did not meet the specifications that are needed to operate as they have for the last several years, and that the equipment was specified to be as close to existing equipment that the street department is presently using, that we follow his recommendation and accept the bid from Deeds Equipment for \$57,426.00 for a High Compaction Rear Loading Trash Collection Body. Motion passed 3-0.

2006 MODEL TANDEM AXLE CHASSIS

The Street Commissioner explained that Sternberg International Trucks and Uebelhor Chevrolet Trucks did not meet the specifications for a 2006 Model Tandem Axle Chassis to be used with a 25 C.Y. High Compaction Rear Loading Trash Collection Body. The differences were as follows:

Sternberg International

- 3.1 Has an Allison 3000 RDS automatic transmission instead of 3500.
- 4.4 Has rear springs RT463 instead of Hendrickson HN-462.
- 9.2 Has manual self reset circuit breakers instead of automatic.
- 11.5 Has 50 gallon left side minimum fuel tanks instead of dual 45 gallon.
- 12.12 Has a single passenger seat instead of two-crew seat.
- 12.14 Does not have a lower right hand door window.

Uebelhor Chevrolet

- 4.4 Has rear springs RT463 instead of Hendrickson HN-462.
- 12.14 Does not have a lower right hand door window.

Also, the Uebelhor bid was for a 2007 model year chassis with a delivery date of 8-12 months. The 2007 model year engines will require the Ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel, which would require additional costs in fuel and maintenance, the reason for specifying a 2006 model.

Street Commissioner Eckerle recommended the second lowest and most responsive bid from Ruxer Ford Sterling for a 2006 Sterling LT500 chassis in the amount of \$50,132.00 (reflecting the \$15,000.00 trade-in allowance).

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given, due to reasons of not meeting the specifications as set forth by the street department and also based on the recommendations of the provider of the High Compaction Rear Loading Trash Collection Body of what type of suspension was needed, that again, based on the recommendation of the Jasper Street Commissioner, select the bid of Ruxer Ford Sterling for a 2006 Sterling LT7500 chassis in the amount of \$50,132.00, including \$15,000.00 trade-in. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORT

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider reported that the Commissioner of Labor and the Deputy Commissioner of Labor would be in Jasper on Thursday,

May 8, 2006. He explained that the Commissioners would review the City's safety program and view the work sites.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELCOMMUNICATOR'S WEEK

Mayor Schmitt read a declaration recognizing April 9-15, 2006 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator's Week. The Mayor stated that the Board of Public Works and Safety recognizes the professional telecommunicators employed by the Jasper Police Department, the Dubois County Communications Center and the Indiana State Police for their efforts in protecting life and property.

SERVICE WEAPON

Police Chief Richard Gunselman requested awarding former Assistant Police Chief J. P. Weisheit his service weapon upon his retirement. The police chief stated that former Assistant Police Chief J. P. Weisheit retired on March 27, 2006 after 28 years of service.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to award former Police Chief J. P. Weisheit his service weapon, a Glock 22, upon his retirement. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORTS

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented the following report for review:

Jasper Police Department March 2006 Monthly Activity Report.

WEATHER WARNING SIRENS

Victor Knies asked Police Chief Gunselman about the policy for setting off the weather warning sirens. The Police Chief responded that the supervisors on duty make that decision. He said he did not like the idea of setting off the sirens too frequently, otherwise the public could become apathetic. Mayor Schmitt stated the public's perception of bad weather had changed and requested the police chief form a group of responders to study the issue and to report back.

PORTERSVILLE ROAD PROJECT PHASE II

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that he had reviewed the bids for the Portersville Road Project Phase II that were opened at the March 28, 2006 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. The city engineer recommended accepting the low base bid of Knies Construction for \$129,482.05 and for alternate bid #2 for \$6,432.00 for a total bid of \$135,919.05, contingent upon the City Council's approval of the transfer of funds for the project. Mayor Schmitt explained that \$130,000.00 was originally budgeted for this project but the developer and the school corporation would pay for their portion of the curb and guttering, so some money would be reimbursed.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the base bid and alternate #2 from Knies Construction for a total of \$135,919.05, for the Portersville Road Project Phase II, subject to the City Council's approval of the transfer of funds into that account. Motion passed 3-0.

During discussion, Mayor Schmitt reported that Alternate Bid #1 for the walking path was not accepted, but that Knies Construction would be working with the school and coincide the path with this project.

PEDESTRIAN WALK SIGN PETITION

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that he was still reviewing the pedestrian cross walk on the east side of the downtown square and was not ready to make a recommendation at this time.

THERMAL-IMAGING CAMERAS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang requested applying for a Homeland Security Assistance Grant for Fire Fighters on order to purchase three Thermal-Imaging Cameras and a 2 or 4-Channel mobile link system. He presented a picture of the type of camera and the mobile link system. Hochgesang stated that the cost would be approximately \$40,000.00 and the matching portion for the City, if approved, would be 5% or approximately \$2,000.00.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt approval was given to the fire department to apply for a Homeland Security Assistance Grant for Fire Fighters and the city will cover the 5% match. Motion passed 3-0.

FIRE EQUIPMENT TESTING

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang requested permission for Underwriters Laboratories to test the fire trucks and ladders. He stated that annual testing is mandatory and that the price for UL testing would be as follows:

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| Tower Truck | \$ 825.00 |
| Ladder Truck | \$ 825.00 |
| Ladders | \$ <u>892.25</u> |
| Total | \$2,542.25 |

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given for Underwriters Laboratories to test the ladders and aerial fire trucks for \$2,542.25. Motion passed 3-0.

GARAGE DOOR REPLACEMENT

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that one of the garage doors at the station was damaged by a fire truck when the door was manually opened because the power was off during a storm. He said the cost of a replacement door from Architectural Sales would be \$3,800.00 plus \$775.00 for installation for a total cost of \$4,575. During discussion, Thomas Schmidt suggested purchasing a generator for power shortages and Mayor Schmitt suggested the Fire Chief investigate whether a generator could be purchased from Homeland Security Funds.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to pay the expenses for a replacement garage door. Motion passed 3-0.

HAND-HELD RADIO – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported that the Department of Homeland Security is offering the Jasper Fire Department an 800-megahertz hand-held radio, free of charge. He explained that this would be for the Emergency Response Team and that the City is required to sign an agreement accepting the radio.

On **motion** by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given for the Jasper Fire Department to accept an 800-megahertz hand-held radio from the Department of Homeland Security. Motion passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Claims against the City from March 5, 2006 through April 6, 2006 were presented and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due, and owing were approved upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary